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**DATE:** November 13, 2015

**TO:** Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

**FROM:** Dale R. Buys, Public Utilities Supervisor, Division of Accounting & Finance 

**RE:** Docket No. 150102-SU – Application for increase in wastewater rates in Charlotte County by Utilities, Inc. of Sandalhaven.

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Please place the attached documents in the above referenced docket file. The documents are email correspondence between staff and the utility regarding the utility's rate case.

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## Dale Buys

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**From:** Jared Deason <JDeason@uiwater.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 5:05 PM  
**To:** Dale Buys  
**Cc:** Melinda Watts; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks; Mark Cicchetti; Sonica Bruce  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 150102-SU - Sandalhaven Rate Case

Dale,

Please see the below explanations for the Pipe retirements:

- About 300 LF of 4" pipe on Gasparilla Pines Blvd. was installed in 1980 so it's 35 years old. However, this was most likely developer contributed since it was force main pipe connecting LS #4 to the original WWTP and LS #4 was built to serve Sandalhaven Estates' first phase. We have no documentation regarding the cost to install this pipe section as it preceded our ownership of the sewer system, but that shouldn't be critical if it was contributed.
- The lift station control panel at LS #1 was replaced as part of this project. The panel was installed in 1986 with the construction of Fiddlers Green II Condos so it was about 29 years old. It should be fully amortized if it wasn't a contributed asset, which I believe it was.
- Originally, I thought there might have been some pipe retired at the WWTP site. Two incoming FM's were tied together to allow the plant to be bypassed as part of our project. However, any piping retired on the plant site will be included in the WWTP decommissioning project costs, not the LS #4 and FM project. This pipe would have been installed by the developer of Fiddlers Green I Condos in 1984.
- The pipe and fittings replaced at LS #4 would have been GL bucket spending and thus could not have cost more than \$5,000. I estimate the actual cost was about \$2,500. I checked on the installation date with Lenny who confirmed that we did the work in 2002 about the time he was hired. This makes the retired items 13 years old.

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**From:** Dale Buys [<mailto:DBuys@PSC.STATE.FL.US>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 11:41 AM  
**To:** Jared Deason <JDeason@uiwater.com>  
**Cc:** Melinda Watts <[Mwatts@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:Mwatts@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>; Cheryl Bulecza-Banks <[CBulecza@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:CBulecza@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>; Mark Cicchetti <[MCICCHET@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:MCICCHET@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>; Sonica Bruce <[SBruce@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:SBruce@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 150102-SU - Sandalhaven Rate Case

Jared,

What are the dollar amounts associated with the retirements identified in your email below?

Sincerely,

Dale R. Buys  
Public Utilities Supervisor  
Division of Accounting and Finance  
Florida Public Service Commission  
[dbuys@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:dbuys@psc.state.fl.us)  
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**From:** Jared Deason [<mailto:JDeason@uiwater.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:39 AM  
**To:** Dale Buys  
**Cc:** Melinda Watts  
**Subject:** RE: Docket No. 150102-SU - Sandalhaven Rate Case

Patrick,

Below is a summary of the response that was provided to me by Patrick regarding any plant retirements associated with the lift station and force main project CP#2015063:

There will be some retirements associated with the pro forma project including:

- 360.2 Force Main pipe: some will be retired, primarily 4" and 6" diameter (although it's possible the 4" pipe that was taken out of service was developer contributed in 1980 when the collection system was first started).
- 371.3 Pumping equipment: none, the 5- Hp pumps that were at LS 4 will become spares for use elsewhere in the system. Likewise, the pumps at LS 1 will become spares.
- 389.2 Other Plant & Misc. Equipment: pipe, valves and fittings at LS 4 were retired. The age was about 12 years as we modified the piping layout in 2003 or so.

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**From:** Dale Buys [<mailto:DBuys@PSC.STATE.FL.US>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 30, 2015 9:34 AM  
**To:** Jared Deason <[JDeason@uiwater.com](mailto:JDeason@uiwater.com)>  
**Cc:** Melinda Watts <[Mwatts@PSC.STATE.FL.US](mailto:Mwatts@PSC.STATE.FL.US)>  
**Subject:** Docket No. 150102-SU - Sandalhaven Rate Case

Jared,

Are there any plant retirements associated with the lift station and force main project CP#2015063 to divert the flows from the WWTP to the EWD treatment plant?

Sincerely,

Dale R. Buys  
Public Utilities Supervisor  
Division of Accounting and Finance  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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**From:** Jared Deason <JDeason@uiwater.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 9:24 AM  
**To:** Dale Buys  
**Cc:** Christie H. Kincaid  
**Subject:** RE: Sandalhaven Bad Debt  
**Attachments:** 2015 Sandalhaven Bad Debt.xlsx

Dale,

Sorry the information did not copy well. I was away from my Office at the time and tried sending it using my phone. I have attached the information in an Excel file. So far in 2015, the Total Bad Debt is \$2,083.20. Please let me know if you need anything else.

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**From:** Dale Buys [mailto:DBuys@PSC.STATE.FL.US]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 8:00 AM  
**To:** Jared Deason <JDeason@uiwater.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Sandalhaven Bad Debt

Jared,

Thanks for the information. The table format did not copy well into the email. Could you send an excel file or re-format the data some how? Also, what is the total thus far?

Sincerely,

Dale R. Buys  
Public Utilities Supervisor  
Division of Accounting and Finance  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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**From:** Jared Deason [mailto:JDeason@uiwater.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 11, 2015 8:32 AM  
**To:** Christie H. Kincaid; Dale Buys  
**Subject:** Re: Sandalhaven Bad Debt

Dale,

Below is the Bad Debt expense for Sandalhaven thus far in 2015. If you need anything else, please let me know.

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256	256100	5510	\$ (0.41)	4/27/2015
256	256100	5510	\$ 28.75	5/3/2015
256	256100	5510	\$ 157.93	8/5/2015
256	256100	5510	\$ 548.96	9/7/2015
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Thanks

Jared

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